



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 288

PRINTERS NO. 274

PRIME SPONSOR: Rafferty

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"
Municipal Funds	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Increases fines and penalties for violators of Pennsylvania's "Steer Clear" law, which requires drivers to move into a lane not adjacent to an emergency response area, if possible, or slow down. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends section 3327 (relating to duty of driver in emergency response areas) of Title 75 (Vehicles) to increase fines for violating the provisions of the Steer Clear Law, which requires drivers to move into a lane not adjacent to an emergency response area, if possible, or slow down, as follows:

- For a first offense, a fine of not more than \$250.
- For a second offense, a fine of not more than \$500.
- For a third and subsequent offense, a fine of not more than \$1,000.

The legislation also requires PennDOT, upon receiving a certified copy of a driver's conviction, to suspend operating privileges for 90 days if the conviction indicates the violation resulted in serious bodily injury or death of another person or it is the drivers' third or subsequent offense

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds but would provide for additional fine revenue to be deposited into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account as well as municipal accounts due to the increased fine levels. Any estimate of that additional fine revenue is indeterminable at this point.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.